provided and guarantees suggested by IREDA, it has been able to sanction loans of Rs. 3412.88 crores and disburse Rs. 1403.96 crores till 31/12/99 for the various renewable energy projects, which are mainly in private sector.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) IREDA has been reviewing its lending policies and taking corrective measures from time to time, keeping in view the development in the renewable energy sector, RBI guidelines and policies followed by other leading financial institutions. Promotional and developmental efforts are also undertaken in association with State Governments and allied agencies for generating projects through private sector.

Generation of Solar and Wind Energy

1459. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of solar and wind energy generated during the last three years; and

(b) the concrete steps taken to increase their generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) The quantum of energy generated from solar and wind power projects during the last three years is given below:

1996-97	878 million Kwh
1997-98	988 million Kwh
1998-99	1065 million Kwh

(b) Funds are provided for a limited number of demonstration projects. The Central and State Governments also provide fiscal and financial incentives, including relief from taxes and duties, accelerated depreciation, etc. 14 States have so far announced promotional policies for wheeling, banking and buy-back of electricity generated from commercial projects. Soft loans are also provided by the Indian

Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for commercial projects. Under the wind resource assessment programme, potential sites are identified which can be considered suitable for wind power projects. 192 sites have so far been identified in 13 States/UTs.

Development of Villages on Non-Conventional Energy

1460. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aaya Nagar, a village in South Delhi is proposed to be developed as a Non-Conventional energy village by Delhi Government;

(b) if so, whether Central Government would propose to all the State Governments and Union Territories to atleast develop such a village in each district throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) No, Sir. The Government of NCT of Delhi has no proposal under consideration for developing Aya Nagar village in South Delhi as a non-conventional energy village.

(b) and (c) Energy Blocks are already being developed in all States and Union Territories, including Delhi, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP).